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House Bill _____
By _____

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Don and Bessie McCracken
Leonard on the celebration of their fiftieth
wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help special citizens celebrate milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Don Leonard and Bessie McCracken were high school sweethearts during their carefree, teenage years as students at Boones Creek High School; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1945, Don Leonard and Bessie McCracken were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, shortly after their wedding, Don was called away to courageously serve his country as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are residents of Washington County and have been highly respected citizens of the Jonesborough community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leonard was a valuable and dedicated employee of the Tennessee Department of Transportation prior to his retirement, and he presently serves his fellow citizens with integrity and industry as Chairman of the Washington County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Leonard retired from East Tennessee State University after many years of devoted and astute service to that august institution; and

WHEREAS, the Leonards are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced two children, each of whom has made his or her mark on the world and is highly successful in their own right; the Leonard's children are Bill Leonard and Kathy Leonard Howell; and

WHEREAS, the Leonards are delighted to be called Grandpa and Grandma by their five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as this are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Don and Bessie McCracken Leonard as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, an occasion that is truly "golden" in more respects than one, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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